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**GUN CRIME
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Memphis, TN - Terrell L. Harris, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee today announced that a federal grand jury returned an indictment yesterday charging Kevis Fields (age 24) with being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. A complaint filed earlier in the week alleges that on August 24th, 2002, officers responded to an armed party call at the Lester Community Center located at 317 Tillman. According to the complaint, Kevis Fields entered the community center gymnasium carrying a black case during a basketball game. The complaint alleges that Fields was apprehended and a search of the gun case revealed a Tec-9, semiautomatic pistol which was loaded with a 30 round clip. Kevis Fields' criminal history includes multiple felony convictions for the illegal possession of narcotics with the intent to sell. If convicted of the instant offense, Fields faces up to 10 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine

Lester Community Center is located in the Binghampton area of Memphis and serves as the "Safehaven" for a Department of Justice designated Weed and Seed site. Weed and Seed is a federal strategy designed to concentrate state and federal efforts to "weed" out crime and "seed" specific communities with funding and support. The Lester Community Center also houses a Memphis Police Department Substation.

Initial investigation of this case was coordinated by Project Safe Neighborhoods Unit of the Memphis Police Department who will continue to handle the case in conjunction with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms. Special Assistant United States Attorney John Tibbetts will prosecute this case on behalf of the U.S. Attorney's Office as a part of the Gun Crime IS Jail Time Initiative.



